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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, CG

SUBJECT: MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE

REFS: A. KINSHASA 3265 B. KINSHASA 3316

1. WE ARE EXAMINING TOTALITY OF ZAIRIAN REQUESTS FOR EQUIPMENT, FOR POSSIBLE DRAW DOWNS AGAINST TQ AND FY 1977 FMS FUNDS. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS. WE ESTIMATE VALUE OF THIS EQUIPMENT INCLUDING ONE C-130 AS BEING AROUND DOLLARS 13 MILLION. THIS FIGURE IS, OF COURSE, EXCLUSIVE OF EQUIPMENT LISTED IN REFTELS.

2. PLEASE CHECK LIST BELOW OF OUTSTANDING REQUESTS AND REARRANGE THE LIST IN PRIORITY ORDER. YOU SHOULD INTEGRATE INTO THIS LIST THE REQUESTS IN REFTELS, PLUS ANY OTHER REQUESTS OF WHICH WE ARE UNINFORMED.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, GOZ HAS ON ORDER OR HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING NON-LETHAL MILITARY ITEMS:

TQ AND FY 1977 FMS FUNDS:

ITEM CREDIT (ESTIMATE)

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1. 30 AUXILIARY POWER UNITS FOR AN/PRC-77 RADIOS  
DOLLARS 12,000

2. 150 AN/PRC-77 RADIOS DOLLARS 1,059,000 (SEE SEPTTEL)

3. 30 RACAL 931 RADIO SYSTEMS DOLLARS 320,000

4. 15 100 AMP IGNITION KITS (JEEP) DOLLARS 13,000
5. C-130 SPARE PARTS DOLLARS 500,000 (KINSHASA 3044)
6. PETROL DOLLARS 1,000,000
7. COMMUNICATION SPARES DOLLARS 33,000 (KINSHASA 2320)
8. SIGNAL PANELS (70 SETS) DOLLARS 1,000
9. SPARES FOR TRUCKS AND JEEPS DOLLARS 30,000 (KINSHASA 2320)
10. 2 COLLINS HF SSB RADIOS DOLLARS 250,000
11. C-130 NOSE-GEAR REPAIR (PARTS AND LOCKHEED TECHNICIANS DOLLARS 210,000
12. CESSNA SPARES DOLLARS 65,000
13. 326 - C-130 SPARE PARTS REPAIR DOLLARS 350,000

TOTAL DOLLARS 3,843,000

OTHER FISCAL YEARS

1. REMAINING M 1131 SPARES (APC) DOLLARS 60,000 FY 75

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2. ONE C-130 DOLLARS 9,100,000 FY 76

TOTAL DOLLARS 9,160,000

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY ITEMS ON ABOVE LIST ARE NO LONGER GOZ PRIORITY ITEMS. ITEMS 11, 12, 13 AND 15 ARE COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS FINANCED WITH FMS CREDIT FINANCING. LOCKHEED EXPECTS TO SEND PARTS AND TECHNICIANS TO REPAIR DAMAGED C-130 LATE WEEK OF 11 APRIL. ONLY REMAINING USG ACTION ON ITEMS 12 AND 13 IS PAYMENT WITH CREDIT UPON PRESENTATION OF INVOICES.

5. WE ARE LOOKING INTO TENTS, C-RATIONS AND MEDICINES PER REFTEL A. GIVEN REPORTED UNHAPPINESS WITH MEDICINES INCLUDED IN EARLIER SHIPMENT, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED. WE UNDERSTAND MOBUTU'S INTEREST IN C-130 AIRCRAFT (AND HIS INTEREST IN HAVING THEM FLOWN BY USAF CREWS), BUT WE CANNOT ENTERTAIN THIS REQUEST. MOST WE COULD DO IS FACILITATE LEASE OF COMMERCIAL C-130S,

DRAWING DOWN AGAIN ON FMS FUNDS. AT RISK OF APPEARING UNPATRIOTIC, WE ALSO UNPREPARED TO DEFEND TO CONGRESS SHIPMENT OF COCA COLA. IS THERE SOME WAY WE CAN STIMULATE LOCAL PRODUCTION OF COCA COLA IN KINSHASA AND LUBUMBASHI, THEREBY PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT? ALTERNATIVELY, SUGGEST KINSHASA USE FOREIGN EXCHANGE GENERATED BY POL TO PURCHASE COCA COLA AND FLY IT TO ZAIRE.

6. IN THE EVENT WE ARE UNPREPARED TO FUND ALL ITEMS ON ABOVE LIST AT THIS TIME OUT OF FMS FUNDS, WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF PRIORITIES. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR EVIDENCE THAT MEDICINES, C-RATIONS OR ANYTHING ELSE HAS ACTUALLY REACHED TROOPS IN SHABA. WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR DESCRIPTION OF MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT MATERIEL REACHES TROOPS AND NOT JUST PROFITEERS.

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